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Financial Assistance for Development
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance for the development of Uttar Pradesh in view of its backwardness; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b): The Union Government, keeping in mind the backwardness of Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh, has provided funds to the State for ongoing projects sanctioned under Bundelkhand Package under Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF). An amount of Rs. 2110.67 crore has so far been released to the State for the purpose. Of which, Rs.1005.51 crore was released during XI Plan and Rs.1105.16 crore has been released in XII Plan till date. Further, sufficient fund is being transferred to the state due to implementation of recommendation of 14th Finance Commission which has led to biggest ever increase (from 32% to 42%) in the States' share in divisible pool of Central taxes and duties. The Finance Commission transfers (including grant-in-aid) to the state in the year 2015-16 increased to Rs.95,824 crore from Rs.72,524 crore during 2014-15. As per the Union Budget 2017-18, the Finance Commission transfers to the state in 2016-17 is estimated at Rs.1,17,773 crore. The flow of substantial amount of untied funds to the States including Uttar Pradesh would allow them to design and finance schemes as per their contextual needs.

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